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RESPONSE

Dear Sir.

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed October 15, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 18, 20 and 24 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout or brackets. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.